

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are pending and claim 1-14 stand rejected. Claims 15-17 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if they are rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the independent claims.

Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Jang et al. (US Patent No. 6,362,093). Claim 2 has been rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jang et al. (US Patent No. 6,362,093) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Hill et al. (US 6,753,250). Claim 3 has been rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jang et al. (US Patent No. 6,362,093) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Wang et al. (US 6,057,239). Claims 4-9 have been rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jang et al. (US Patent No. 6,362,093) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Bjorkman et al. (US 6,858,153). Claims 10-14 have been rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jang et al. (US Patent No. 6,362,093) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Dalton et al. (US 6,720,249).

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejections. However, to place the application in condition for allowance, claim 15 has been canceled, without prejudice and claim 1, has been amended to include the elements of claim 15, respectfully, which the Examiner has indicated as allowable. Claims 2 to 14 and claims 16 to 17 depend upon claim 1. The dependent claims are allowable for the same reasons given for the independent claim.

For the foregoing reasons, the present application including claims 1 to 14 and claims 16 to 17 is believed to be in condition for allowance. The Examiner's early passage of the application to allowance is respectfully requested.

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